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SUBJ: GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND AZORES BASE AGREEMENT

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1. WITH CCMS SMALL GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT CONFERENCE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE ON SAO MIGUEL IN MAR 75 AND APPARENT PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN GETTING SOME BENEFITS FOR AZORES IN NEXT LAJES BASE AGREEMENT, WE BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER GEOTHERMAL POWER AS POTENTIALLY ATTRACTIVE COMPONENT OF COMPENSATION OFFER.

2. HOWEVER, TERCEIRA, ISLAND WITH BASE, APPARENTLY DOES NOT HAVE SIGNS OF SURFACE GEOTHERMAL ACTIVITY AS DOES SAO MIGUEL. THIS HAS LED TO ASSUMPTION, WE UNDERSTAND, THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY FOR GEOTHERMAL POWER ON TERCEIRA AND BELIEF THAT PORTUGUESE WOULD FIND MUCH LESS ATTRACTIVE GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT THAT DID NOT BENEFIT THE ISLAND ON WHICH BASE ACTUALLY LOCATED.

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3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, BEFORE ACCEPTING ASSUMPTION THAT THERE ARE NO GEOTHERMAL POSSIBILITIES ON TERCEIRA, DEPT CHECK CAREFULLY WITH COMPETENT SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE IF GEOTHERMAL POTENTIAL EXISTS THERE DESPITE ABSENCE OF EXTERNAL SIGNS. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED CANADIAN EMBASSY TO PROVIDE US WITH REPORT PREPARED BY DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY ON RESULTS OF THEIR EXPLORATORY ACTIVITIES ON SAO MIGUEL, WITH THOUGHT THAT REPORT MAY CONTAIN INFO ON OTHER ISLANDS.
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